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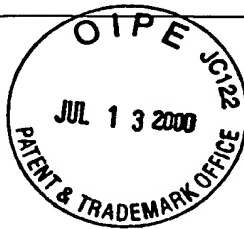
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UNDER 37 CFR §§1.56 AND 1.97**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

The references listed in the attached PTO Form 1449 copies of which are enclosed, may be material to the examination of the above-identified patent application. These references were cited in a corresponding International application. A copy of the International Search Report which was dated May 23, 2000, is enclosed herewith as well. These references are submitted in compliance with the applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to make these citations official record in this application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that additional information (material to the examination of this application) does not exist or that the enclosed reference(s) constitute prior art.

**Statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(e)**

The undersigned hereby states that the references enclosed herewith were cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement. (37 CFR 1.97(e)(1))

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Respectfully submitted,

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